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The following annual reports were read and referred to the Publication Committee:—

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

The average attendance at the meetings of the Academy during the year ending Nov. 30 has been thirty, a marked improvement on that of preceding years. The meeting of the Sections at stated intervals continues to be productive of good results, as specialists are in this way enabled to attend the meetings at which matters of interest will be presented for their consideration. Verbal communications have been made by Messrs. Leidy, Heilprin, Brinton, Houston, Horn, Meehan, Woolman, Rothrock, Pilsbry, Allen, Dall, Wilson, McCook, Koenig, Ryder, Meyer, Rand, English, Calvert, Sharp, Rex, Thomas, Wingate, Baker, Goldsmith, Morris, U. C. Smith, Willcox, Sudduth, Lyman, Schaeffer, Martindale, Skinner, Foote, Redfield and Bancroft.

Ninety-six pages of the Proceedings for 1889 and three hundred and thirty-six of the volume for 1890 have been issued, the former illustrated by two and the latter by seven plates. The distribution remains the same as last year. The publications of the Conchological and Entomological Sections noted in my last report have been issued regularly during the year.

Forty-two papers have been presented for publication as follows:—H. A. Pilsbry 6, F. C. Baker 4, Angelo Heilprin 4, A. E. Brown 2, J. E. Ives 2, J. B. Ellis and B. M. Everhart 2, Witmer Stone 2, V. Sterki 1, Harrison Allen 1, W. D. Hartman 1, D. S. Jordan 1, Louis Woolman 1, T. D. Rand 1, H. F. Osborn 1, Chas. R. Keyes 1, John Ford 1, Geo. A. Rex 1, Nathan Banks 1, T. Meehan 1, B. Sharp 1, Charles Morris 1, C. Wachsmuth and F. Springer 1, Jos. Leidy 1, John A. Ryder 1, Edw. Bancroft 1, H. C. Chapman and A. P. Brubaker 1. Forty of these have been accepted for publication in the Proceedings, one for the Journal and one has been recommended for publication in a medical journal to be selected by the author.

Twenty-eight members and eight correspondents have been elected. The deaths of fifteen members and two correspondents were announced and resignations of membership by Dr. Edw. Jackson and Emily G. Hunt were accepted.

Mr. Isaac C. Martindale was elected Treasurer September 23rd to supply the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Wm. C. Henszey which occurred September 7th. Mr. Chas. P. Perot was elected September 30th to fill the vacancy in the Finance Committee caused by the election of Mr. Martindale to the Treasurership.

The first award of the Hayden Memorial Medal was made, on the recommendation of the Committee appointed to report on the subject, to Prof. James Hall as a well merited recognition of the value of his geological work.

A second invitation having been received from the University of Pennsylvania to remove to a position on the University grounds in West Philadelphia, the subject was maturely considered by the Council of the Academy and on its recommendation again declined by the society at a meeting held March 11th.

Apart from the purely scientific operations of the society, the most important event of the year was the beginning of work on the proposed new building. For the details and dates of the work of construction as far as it has advanced reference is made to the report of the Curators.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDW. J. NOLAN,

Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

While the correspondence of the past year has been of the usual routine character it continues to show the steady progress of the Academy in its exchange relations with the scientific societies of the world. Each year adds many exchanges, rendering the library more useful to those who consult it with the view of obtaining a knowledge of what is being published abroad. The study of the natural sciences seems to be increasing, so that in nearly every town, of any size, in the civilized world, societies are established and soon thereafter a publication of their work in serial form begins.

During the year sixty-eight circular letters and sixty-five cards of acknowledgements of the reception of our publications have been received from societies and other bodies. The nearly equal numbers of the two methods of acknowledgement is doubtless due to the fact that the larger portion of our exchange is sent by mail and is promptly acknowledged by card.